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# PARK'S Floral Magazine.

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LIBONIA, FRANK. CO., PA., FEBRUARY, 1897.



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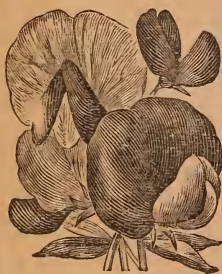
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1. What plant was the origin of the name of the proud Plantagenet Family of English Kings?
2. What flower rewards the hardy Alpine climber?
3. What flower does the angel who appears to the Virgin Mary in the old pictures, bear in his hand?
4. What flower did Shakespeare's "Ophelia" say was "for remembrance?"
5. What is the national flower of France?
6. What plant caused Socrates' death?
7. What flower was once so popular in Holland that a fortune was sometimes given for a single bulb?
8. What flowers grew at the base of Parnassus?
9. What gay spring flower has a varying number of petals?
10. To what flower did Burns write a matchless poem?
11. To what flower did Bryant write a fine poem?
12. Who is the goddess of the flowers?
13. Who is her lover?
14. What other name has the Lady's slipper?
15. What plant has been called the Mexican pin-cushion?
16. What did Mrs. Browning say about a tiny blossom and its cup of dew?
17. What flower does the death-angel in French's famous work, "Death Arresting the Hand of the Sculptor," bear in his hand?
18. What flowers are "rosey," after the feet of Tennyson's "Maud" "have touch'd the meadows?"
19. What plant was dedicated to a proud goddess, and bears her name?
20. In what story does Hawthorne explain why the flowers blossom only six months in the year?
21. What did a little flower do for the French prisoner, Charney?
22. What passage in the Koran appeals especially to the lover or flowers?
23. What flower gives a name to a beautiful Easter poem by Mrs. Whitney?
24. In what poem does Dr. Holmes tell why some flowers "turn white" and "some are always blushing?"

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[Answers next month.]

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Lizzie Parker.

Henry Co., Ind., Dec, 25, 1897.

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# GOSSIP.

Dear Sisters:—My Cyclamen is a thing of beauty. It has been blooming for two months, and gives promise to keep it up all winter. My Geraniums bloom better in an east window. I have two Chinese Primroses. One is now blooming. It is pure white. The other is budded, but I can not tell the color. My Buttercup Oxalis is budded, and I just cut the withered cluster from a Plumbago. The Swainsonia is growing lovely, but does not show sign of blooming. As the plant has been very extensively advertised I am anxious to see it bloom. Gloxinias are growing nicely. Some have five or six leaves. Nicotiana affinis has just started to grow, and I hope soon to see it bud. I am trying Little Gem Calla. It has not shown any disposition to bloom, although it is growing nicely. My Black Calla is a very sturdy plant. I do want it to bloom. A Jasmine grows for a while, then stops, puts out five leaves, then stops again. It has done this twice, and has stopped now again. I wonder why it does so. I appreciate the Magazine. Nearly all I know of the culture of plants came from Park's Magazine. Edith M. Haines.

St. Clair Co., Ill., Jan. 2, 1897.

Dear Mr. Park:—Your generous package of bulbs arrived, and I hope God will repay you for your kindness, for I am afraid I never can. I keep thinking what a beautiful display I will have after awhile, for your bulbs always bloom. I wrote you last fall of losing so many of my hardy plants by the dry weather of the past summer. A member of your floral band who heard of my loss wrote me she would help me start again, and already two large boxes (with another to follow) have been sent, and I really have more hardy plants than I ever had before. So I have come to the conclusion that flower lovers are the most generous people in the world, and I pray God may bless them. Mrs. Sophia E. Wilson. Fresno Co., Cal.

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## THE PREMIUM BULBS.

The Premium Bulbs received from Mr. Park in the spring of 1896 were a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to me, and they were certainly worth five times the amount asked for them, including the Magazine. The four Tuberous Begonias were planted together in a box about fifteen inches square and six inches deep, in soil composed largely of leaf-mould, and they soon started into active growth, and soon were in bloom. The flowers were truly beautiful. One was a rich, glowing crimson, of velvet-like texture. Another variety had pure white blossoms and the large, white, velvety blossoms combined with the shining green leaves were very beautiful. Another variety had yellow flowers of a most pleasing shade and harmonized with the others. The flowers of the scarlet variety fell off before they fully opened, and although new buds continued to come not one of them reached perfection. I think these plants do better and the flowers last longer if kept in partial shade.

The largest and most perfect specimens of Tuberous Begonias I have ever seen were grown in the open ground, and planted in such a position that they were well shaded by surrounding trees.

The Gloxinia was even prettier than the Begonias. The outer edge was a rich crimson, while the throat was shaded pink and white and spotted and striped most beautifully. The texture was like velvet it was so rich and soft, and the flower was indeed one of the loveliest I have ever seen. Gloxinias are not at all hard to grow, and now they are so cheap every one should have two or three of them at least.

All the other bulbs were fine, and all did well except the Ranunculus and Anemones, which came up all right and made quite a growth, but the hot summer sun was too much for them and they died. These bulbs, in order to do well, should be planted in a somewhat shaded and moist position; if planted in the border among the shrubs and hardy plants they are likely to do well.

Ells L. Layson.

Cascade, Ga., Jan. 11, 1897.

[NOTE.—Ranunculus and Anemones, unless planted very early in spring, mostly die down during hot weather, but renew their growth in the autumn, and bloom well the following spring. They like rich, moist soil. The premium this year is better than the one offered last spring. See page headed "A Grand Premium."—Ed.]

Mr. Park—I prize the Magazine very highly, and never allow one to be destroyed, as I like to have them to refer to.

Ells Bond.

Sandy Lake, Pa., Jan. 5, 1897.

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# A WONDERFUL BOTANICAL DISCOVERY.

## THE KAVA-KAVA SHRUB.

### A FREE GIFT OF GREAT VALUE

**To all Sufferers from Kidney or Bladder Disorders, Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Gout, Pain in Back, Female Complaints and Irregularities, Blood Impurities and other maladies caused by improper action of the Kidneys or Urinary Organs.**

A short time ago our readers were made aware of a valuable new botanical discovery, that of the Kava-Kava Shrub, or as botanists call it, *piper methysticum*, found on the banks



THE KAVA-KAVA SHRUB.  
(*Piper Methysticum*.)

of the Ganges river in East India. From a medical standpoint this is perhaps the most important discovery of the century. The use of the Kava-Kava Shrub, like other valuable medicinal substances, opium and quinine, was first observed by Christian missionaries among the natives of India as a sovereign remedy for Kidney Diseases. Speaking of the use of the Kava-Kava Shrub by the natives of India, Dr. Archibald Hodgson, the great authority on these diseases, says:

"Intense heat and moisture of this tropical climate acting upon the decaying vegetation renders these low grounds on the Ganges the most unhealthy districts found anywhere. Jungle fevers and miasma assail the system, and even the most robust constitutions yield to the deadly climatic influences. The blood becomes deranged, and the Urine is thick and dark colored, and loaded with the products of disease, which the Kidneys are vainly endeavoring to excrete from the system. Under these conditions the other organs become affected, and life hangs in the balance. Then when all the remedies of modern medical science fail, the only hope and harbor of safety are found in the prompt use of Kava-Kava shrub. A decoction of this wonderful botanical growth relieves the Kidneys and enables them to carry off the diseased products from the Blood. The Urine becomes clearer, the fever abates, and the intense suffering and nausea are alleviated. Recovery sets in and the patient slowly returns to health."

Of all the diseases that afflict mankind, Diseases of the Kidneys are the most fatal and dangerous, and this being the case, it is but natural that the discovery of the Kava-Kava Shrub—Nature's Positive Specific Cure for Diseases of the Kidneys—is welcomed as a gift to suffering humanity.

Alkavis, which is the medical compound of the Kava-Kava Shrub, is endorsed by the Hospitals and Physicians of Europe as a sure Specific Cure for Kidney and Bladder Diseases, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Brick-Dust deposits, Rheumatism, Liver Disease, Female Complaint, pain in back, and all diseases caused by impurities of the Blood, due to defective action of the Kidneys.

Rev. W. B. Moore, D. D., of Washington, D. C., Editor of the "Religious World," writes of the wonderful curative effects of Alkavis:

"For several years I was a sufferer from Kidney troubles, and could obtain no relief from physicians.

I used various Kidney remedies, but with no success. I had given up all hopes of ever recovering my health, until hearing of the marvelous cures effected by your Alkavis I decided to try same. After using the first bottle I began to experience relief, and following up the treatment was permanently cured. I cheerfully recommend your excellent Alkavis to persons afflicted with Kidney and Rheumatic disorders as the best remedy known."

Mrs. James Young, of Kent, Ohio, writes that she had tried six doctors in vain, that she was about to give up in despair, when she found Alkavis, and was promptly cured of Kidney disease, and restored to health. Mrs. Alice Evans, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Mary A. Layman, of Neel, West Va., twenty years a sufferer; Mrs. Sarah Vunk, Edinboro, Pa.; Mrs. L. E. Copeland, Elk River, Minn.; and many other ladies join in testifying to the wonderful curative powers of Alkavis in various forms of Kidney and allied diseases, and of other troublesome afflictions peculiar to womanhood.

Dr. A. R. Knapp, a well-known surgeon and physician of Leoti, Kansas, voices the opinion of the doctors and writes:

"The case I ordered Alkavis for has improved wonderfully. I believe you have in Alkavis a complete specific for all Kidney troubles."

Mr. R. C. Wood, a prominent attorney of Lowell, Indiana, was cured by Alkavis of Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder trouble of ten years' standing. He writes:

"I have been treated by all our home physicians without the least benefit. My bladder trouble became so troublesome that I had to get up from five to twelve times during the night to urinate. In fact I was in misery the whole time, and was becoming very despondent. \* \* \* I have now used Alkavis, and am better than I have been for five years. I know Alkavis will cure bladder and kidney trouble. \* \* \* It is a wonderful and grand, good remedy."

And even more wonderful is the testimony of Rev. John H. Watson, of Sunset, Texas, a minister of the gospel in thirty years' service, stricken down at his post of duty by Kidney disease. He says:

"I was suddenly stricken down on the 22d of June with an acute attack of kidney trouble (uric acid gravel). For two months I lay hovering on the border line of life, and with the constant care of two excellent physicians I only received temporary relief. My family physician told me plainly the best I could hope for was temporary respite. I might rally only to collapse suddenly or might linger some time. But the issue was made up, and as I had for years warned others to be ready, so now more than ever I must needs put my house in order and expect the end. Meantime I had heard of Alkavis, and wrote to an army comrade (now principal of a college) who had tried it. He wrote me by all means to try it, as it had made a new man of him. At the end of two months, and then only able to sit up a little, I dismissed my physicians and began the use of Alkavis. In two weeks I could ride out in the carriage for a short time. The improvement has been \* \* \* constant and steady. I am now able to look after my business. I feel I owe what life and strength I have to Alkavis. \* \* \* I am fifty-five years old, have been a minister over thirty years, have thousands of acquaintances, and to every one of them who may be afflicted with any kind of kidney trouble, I would say, try Alkavis."

Another most remarkable case is Rev. Thomas Smith of Cobden, Illinois, who passed nearly one hundred gravelstones under two weeks use of this great remedy, Alkavis.

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## LIFE'S GARDEN.

Our life is mirrored in the present and the past—  
Each goodly deed a flower, each frown a weed;  
Then look we back upon reflections cast,  
And sow the future's soil with worthy seed.

*Florence Josephine Boyce.*

*Washington Co., Vt.*

## BARNARD'S PERPETUAL LOBELIA.

**A**s a blue-flowered basket or edging plant, the new Barnard's Perpetual Lobelia is charming, and in many respects surpasses all other Lobelias. The plants are easily produced from seeds, grow freely, are of dense, branch-

marginal branches hanging in loose sprays. Spring seedlings thus grown will bloom freely throughout the summer and autumn, while those started during mid-summer will bloom abundantly during winter. In growing seedling plants it is well to pinch them back several times during the early stages of their growth, to promote a dense, tuft-like shape and make the plants stool out and become bushy. This is of benefit whether the plants are grown in the window or in the garden, for as an edging, the ground should be densely covered, and the bloom as profuse as in a basket or pot, in order to appear to the best advantage. In garden culture the plants should not be set out till well established in pots, then they should be knock-

ed out and set only from six to eight inches apart in the rows. They like a cool, moist soil, and do better upon the northern edge. A small packet of seeds will produce many plants, and the low price at which such packets of this new Lobelia are sold this season should prompt many persons to add it to their collections.



**Treatment of Fuchsias.**—Give Fuchsias a soil of two-thirds leaf-mould and one-third sand, and never allow the soil to become dry, or the leaves and buds will fall. Keep them in a shady place where they will not get more than an hour or two of morning sun, and shower thoroughly every evening, being careful to reach the lower side of the leaves, as the red spider lurks there and will soon ruin a fine plant if left alone. Water will put them to rout in a short time, if you use enough. Do not let the plants get pot-bound. As soon as the pot fills with roots shift to a size larger, and do not leave them exposed to heavy storms or gales of wind, as the Fuchsia is a sensitive plant. Follow these rules carefully, and I cannot see why you should not have success. I always have.

*Mary B. Appley.*  
Windham Co., Ct., Jan. 14, 1897.

**Trailing Arbutus.**—Place a clump of Trailing Arbutus in a pot or fernery in a cool room. The clusters of little buds will soon develop their beauty and fragrance.



BARNARD'S NEW PERPETUAL LOBELIA.

ing habit, and are, as the name suggests, perpetual in bloom. The flowers are of large size and fine form, and borne in wonderful profusion; and their exceedingly rich blue color contrasting distinctly with pure white, as indicated in the engraving, excites feelings of profound admiration wherever well-grown specimens are found. Three or four plants of this Lobelia in a basket, vase or pot, become a globular mass of rich green, spangled with innumerable brilliant blue flowers, the

## SMILAX.

I ORDERED a Smilax vine last fall; it reached me in good condition and grew slowly until February, when I cut it all to entwine on the casket of a little loved one called to leave this world just as she had grown very dear to all. Then my Smilax stood perfectly still until about the first of August. I thought it was dead, but determined to give it a chance to redeem itself, so kept it in the window with my other plants. But one day I noticed a long green shoot springing up as if by magic, then waiting to be clothed in beautiful green leaves, then going on again with almost miraculous rapidity, getting ahead of the leaves each time, and each time patiently waiting for them. Tiny shoots kept coming up from the bottom, almost catching the older ones. I find this plant requires good soil, frequent sprinklings, moisture in the air, and plenty of water. I have my window festooned with the lovely growing vine. I drove tacks into the sash, and strung thread from one to the other, and in a wonderfully short time the thread was covered, and now I have a novel east window. In this window I also have two brackets, one on either side; in one I have a *Crassula cordata* four years old which nearly covers the outside of the dish, its



BOSTON SMILAX.

branches all crowned with dainty blossoms; in the other a pink Primrose filled with its woody perfumed flowers. On the shelf with the Smilax I have an Asa Gray Geranium, which is one of the best winter-bloomers for me, a beautiful green-leaved Begonia, and a Nicotiana just coming into bloom. This window gave me very much pleasure, and many flowers for the sick.

Brownie.

St. Law. Co., N. Y., Dec. 23, 1897.

***Crassula cordata*.**—This should be given plenty of sun summer or winter. In summer water plentifully, in winter only enough to prevent the plants from wilting.

Floral Park, N. Y.

C. E. P.

## ABOUT BEGONIAS.

I OFTEN read something like this: "It is not worth while for amateurs to cultivate Rex Begonias, as the trial will be more than likely to result in disappointment." Now, I have a neighbor who grows only Begonias, and she has some fine plants. Her only facilities are a table by an east window in a small sitting room, warmed by a soft coal fire. She usually has at least two Rex varieties in her collection, and I think they are pretty fine. My own plants are grown under about the same conditions. I have three varieties of Rex, and four other foliage Begonias. They get about the same care my other plants do. The soil I use is mostly leaf mould with a little sand and old, fine manure from the hot-bed. I start Begonia



REX BEGONIA.

cuttings in the spent hot-bed, keeping them shaded from the hot sun. In this way scarcely one will fail to grow. As soon as they start new growth pot them in something small, from which you can repot without disturbing the roots. Give them some liquid fertilizer at least every two weeks in summer, and in winter set an open vessel of hot water under them occasionally, or give them a taste of steam, as you like. My plan is to lay a piece of hot iron or brick in a pan and pour a little hot water over it near my plants. I consider the foliage Begonias very ornamental and very desirable and no harder to care for than any other really fine plant. In summer they should be kept out of the hot sun and strong wind. Give them rather small pots and good drainage.

Mrs. M. C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa.

**About Cosmos.**—I wish to say a word for Cosmos. I never saw it in its beauty until this fall. In my neighborhood there is a group of Cosmos and tall and low-growing Cannas intermixed, and the Cosmos lends grace and beauty to the rather stiff, coarse leaves of the Cannas. The Cosmos above the Cannas is one mass of bloom. It is a very pretty sight, and one that at this time of the year, when there are so few blooming plants in the yard, is refreshing to the eye. The main thing, I find, is to get them started early enough in the spring.

Mrs. C. H.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 23, 1896.

**Dutchman's Pipe.**—*Aristolochia siphon*, popularly known as Dutchman's Pipe, is a rapid-growing vine, and for a dense screen nothing is better. The foliage is large and showy, and the flowers long and pipe-shaped. The plant is free from insect pests and will grow in almost any soil or situation.

Chas. Parnell.

Queens Co., N. Y.



## ABOUT CALCEOLARIAS.

**A**MONG my house plants there is not one I prize more highly than a thrifty specimen of Calceolaria. It has handsome flowers—oddest of form, and the richest in color to be found. The blossom stem starts slowly, but day by day it unfolds more of the dainty blooms until the blossom stalk is a foot across. Each flower is like a little pocket or bladder, delicate in texture, and rich velvety red, spotted with yellow. It is of leathery substance, and stays in perfection for weeks. The plants are easily started from cuttings, if you are careful to exclude the sun from them till well rooted.



The Calceolaria does not like the sun, so I keep mine in the shade. I start a new plant every year, keeping it well cut back to make it grow bushy, as each new shoot forms a flower stalk. Try a plant; you will be pleased with it. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Dec. 19, 1896.

[NOTE.—The Hybrid Calceolarias are very easily propagated from seeds, which may be procured from almost any seedsman for a few cents. They are small, but almost every seed will germinate, and the seedlings require no more care than a Cineraria, when once started. Sow in May or early June for blooming the following winter or spring.—Ed.]

**Winter Care of Plants.**—I seldom fail to carry my plants through the winter, for the reason, perhaps, that I strive to keep my plants healthy. To do this, I am careful to pot in rich, fresh soil, one half each of leaf-mold and sand, this being both porous and rich enough. If the room is a cool one, I am careful not to over-water. If the atmosphere is very warm and dry, I shower the foliage often, and give my plants all the light and sun possible in either case. I always find where plants begin to lose their leaves, their health is impaired either by over potting, over-feeding, over-watering, over-heating, or by too much cold. These means will invariably induce diseases which eventually destroy the fine rootlets by which the plant feeds, and the consequence is the loss of the plant, unless these faults are overcome in time. To take good care of our plants means withholding as well as supplying. To rear plants successfully we must be observant of the laws that govern them. Mrs. M. H. Durfee.

Wayne Co., N. Y.

**Stavesacre.**—This is a handsome annual or biennial plant, one to two feet high, with a simple, erect, downy stem, and palmate five or seven-lobed leaves, supported on hairy footstalks. The flowers are bluish or purple, in terminal racemes; pedicels longer than the flower, bracteoles at the base of the pedicel. The nectary is four-leaved, shorter than petals; upper projects backward to form a spur. Seeds are contained in straight, oblong capsules. E. Frances E.

Allegheny Co., N. Y., Nov. 10, 1896.

## TREATMENT OF AMARYLLIS

**S**O far I have very good success with twelve or more varieties of Amaryllis, and will tell how I manage them. Set them in small jars, and do not report them often than really necessary, for they resent being disturbed, and often will refuse to blossom for a season after being reported. After the blossom is past its prime cut it away, and encourage a rank, vigorous growth by watering and applying fertilizers. As the buds are formed during the growing season after blooming, it is quite necessary that growth should be as vigorous as possible. This is the secret, if there be one, to produce a thrifty plant in the fall, before the time arrives for storing away for winter.

As early as October 1st., the jars containing the Amaryllis bulbs may be set in a frost-proof cellar to take their rest. If dark and damp no water is needed during the winter, but if light and warm it is as well to give a little when the soil becomes very dry. This prevents the large root from drying up and they start much more readily in the spring. They may be wintered on the plant stand or in the window if desired, but it is best to withhold water while the plant is resting, supplying it only when growth begins, as will be known by the appearance of a new leaf.



AMARYLLIS BULB AND FLOWER.

When the jars are brought from the cellar in the spring, remove as much of the top soil as possible without injuring the bulb or roots. Replace with rich soil or decayed manure, water thoroughly, and growth will almost immediately begin. One good wetting usually will be sufficient until the leaves begin to show, but if the soil should become very dry give just water enough to keep the soil moist, not wet, as that might cause the roots or the bulb to decay. Pay attention to the drainage, seeing that it will discharge the water freely, for the Amaryllis are thrifty bulbs, but the soil must not be allowed to become soggy, as they will be injured by that condition.

Now that blooming time has again arrived, we have cared for our Amaryllis for a year with but little expenditure of time or care, and have been abundantly rewarded with an array of most beautiful blossoms.

Barry Co., Mich. Nettie Willams.

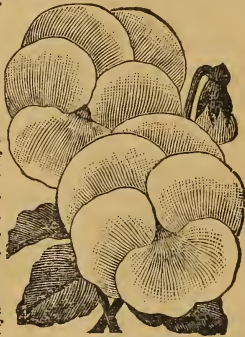
**Dahlias.**—These sprout from the stem mostly above where the tubers are attached. Avoid decay about the stems, and do not separate the clump till the sprouts appear.

**ACTÆA SPICATA.**

**T**HE white Bane Berry, *Actæa spicata* alba, is a very beautiful hardy Leiba-ceous perennial plant belonging to the natural order Ranunculaceæ. It is an American species, and is often met with in rich woodlands from Canada to Pennsylvania and westward. It takes kindly to cultivation in the flower border, where, if given a very deep, well enriched soil, a shaded situation, and sufficient space in which to properly develop itself, will attain a height of from one and a half to two feet, with rich green ternately divided leaves, while the minute white flowers are produced in long, crowded racemes during the month of June in the greatest profusion. The flowers are succeeded by white berries with red stems, which add materially to the ornamental appearance of the plants. During the winter months the plants should be given a light covering of coarse stable manure and this should be removed as early in the spring as possible.

Floral Park, N. Y. Chas. E. Parnell.

**White Pansies.**—It will soon be time to think of sowing seed in boxes for spring planting. When making out your order do not fail to include a package of white Pansies. My bed of them was greatly admired last season, and almost every day I gathered great clusters to send to my sick friends. As late as the fourteenth of December I gathered a large bouquet of them for the table.



WHITE PANSIES.

Mrs. F. M.

Allegan Co., Mich., Jan. 3, 1897.

**A Fine Coxcomb.**—Mr. Park: Last summer I had a magnificent Coxcomb which I grew from seeds (purchased of you). The comb measured ten and a half inches across the top and fourteen and a half inches in length, and stood two and a half feet high. It was the admiration of all beholders. Everybody told me I could get the premium at the fair, but I did not wish to lift it.



COXCOMB.

Mrs. Elvira Kirkwood.

Lawrence Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1896.

**Nicotiana affinis.**—I saw so much in the MAGAZINE about *Nicotiana affinis*. So I procured and planted seeds of it last spring, and raised quite a number. Three plants had one hundred blossoms on at one time, and they perfumed the whole yard.

Genesee Co., Mich.

Mrs. S. P. L.

**ABUTILONS.**

**D**O you all know how desirable Abutilons are for winter bloom, especially the pink and yellow varieties. The variety called Golden Bells will bloom throughout the winter. The nicest one I ever saw was of this variety. It was about two feet high, nearly that wide at the top, and carried dozens of its lovely golden bells. No matter how many other plants you have you will be delighted with this. Another favorite is *Infanta Eulalia*, pale pink, wide open flowers, and plenty of them. In summer, when there are so many bright flowers, they do not look very gay, but in winter, when "all is brown and bare," is the time we appreciate them. A lovelier plant than *Souv. de Bonn* is hard to find.



ABUTILONS.

The broad white margin on each leaf makes the plant as pretty as flowers all the time; but when we add the flowers, yellow veined with scarlet, then we have something fine, indeed. Another attractive variety is *Leopard Eclipse*, slender and drooping, with spotted foliage and small, curious flowers, and a constant bloomer. To these I would add a good white variety, as *Snowstorm*. These would make a desirable collection.

The requirements of these plants are very simple. Give them a larger pot than most other plants, rich soil, but not much sand. Being constant bloomers they should be given a good deal of water.

Mrs. Mary C. Marshall.

Indiana Co., Pa.

**Umbrella Plant.**—The Umbrella plant is very beautiful, and easy to grow. When potting put a generous quantity of well-rotted manure in the soil. Give it a good supply of water often. The best way is to set the pot in a plate of water. Be sure to dust off the leaves, as they are rough and need washing often, and you will have a plant that will repay you for all the trouble you have taken.

Mrs. F. M.

Allegan Co., Mich., Jan. 3, 1896.

**Callas Blooming.**—When I hear that a Calla has several blooms on at once I wonder if it can be so. Are there not several Calla roots in one dish in such cases? Now, I have five mammoth Calla roots in one tub, but have only one bloom from a tuber at one time, and when that bloom fades another one comes from behind the old bloom on the same stalk. As I report my Callas I pick off all the small ones. If I left those on in time they would bloom, and the clump might be called one root.

Geauga Co., Ohio.

Ima.



## GLADIOLUS CULTURE.

**F**ORTY or fifteen years I have been trying to grow Gladioli, and year by year I failed. If I had any bulbs left by planting time, they either rotted in the ground or gave a few sickly flowers. Now I can keep the bulbs, I can have immense spikes of bloom, and I can successfully grow the bulbets.

In the first place, I select a new spot each year for my Gladioli, digging old manure into the ground in the fall, very lightly. In the spring I dig it deep, raking free from lumps. Choose a sunny situation. In April, if at all favorable, or else early in May, I plant my Gladiolus bulbs at least five inches deep, in groups of three or four, planting a stake for each group at the same time. I take the bulbets that were around bulb, remove shell that encases so many of them, and plant them in rows, like peas, about an inch deep. If any are of fair size, say from a fourth, to a half-inch in diameter, put them right side up carefully, and a little deeper. They may bloom that year, but the little fellows no larger than a mustard seed will grow very cheerfully, even if they do happen to get in wrong side up. Cover them, and the large bulbs too, with a rather light mulch of cut grass, just enough to keep the ground moist till the foliage appears, then gradually remove it. Gladioli like moisture about their roots in summer, and this you may give by nurturing or mulching, which is preferable, or by growing some low, delicate annuals among them to serve as a mulch. This year I have used the Little Gem Alyssum for that purpose, and have found it very satisfactory. By the time the Gladioli were in bud, the Alyssum had covered the ground with a snowy mass of bloom that in no way detracted from the beauty of the stately spikes above, and harmonized with every shade of color there. After the foliage ripens, which will be late in the fall, probably not till after light frosts, I dig them up, carefully searching for every tiny bulbet, cut off the foliage within two inches of the bulb, lay them in a dry, airy place for a week, or until the moisture is dried out of the stem; then put each variety in a labelled paper bag, and store away the Gladioli with the potatoes in the cellar.

My garden soil is clay loam; perhaps these directions would not be good in a lighter soil. I did not have tall enough stakes this year for my Gladioli; they were about two feet above ground, but I had to supplement them, for many spikes were four feet high, with eighteen or twenty large flowers. I have Gandavensis and Lemoine's Hybrids. Next year I shall try

some of the Childs strain. Almost all of my bulbs gave me branched spikes; some had three branches. The largest of the last year's bulbets have bloomed, or are yet in bud.

Besides their beauty out of doors, Gladioli are a joy for indoors too. I found if I cut off the stalk after the first flower opened, I could enjoy their beauty to the very last bud in the house. Their color was perhaps not quite so vivid as when exposed fully to the sun, but Ceres Pepita, Lafayette, John Bull, Congarte and Mad. Mouneret could not have been much lovelier. The Lemoines do not do quite so well as the Gandavensis, as their stems grow limp, and the flowers do not expand so well. Lafayette was the only good one of that variety for cutting. Try Gladioli if you never have. They bloom when flowers are rather scarce, seeming to revel in the hot July and August sun. They are free from insects, and after they are planted, can almost care for themselves till the frost comes and nips them. Irma.

Greene Co., O., Aug. 11, 1896.

[NOTE.—Set your Gladiolus bulbs six inches deep. This will insure erect growth and full development even in time of drought, and immunity from the hot sun of summer. Your attention is here drawn to the advantages of deep planting, because of the many failures which result from the habit of shallow planting.—Ed.]

## Experience with Cupid Sweet

**Peas.**—I, too, have had an experience with the dwarf Sweet Pea, Cupid. Last spring I bought a paper containing ten seeds. Two of them I planted in a pot, in March. Only one came up and it grew three or four inches in as many months. The soil was rich, possibly too rich for the Pea, but it proved excellent for the other plants. The remaining eight seeds I planted in April in a border east of the house. Six of them came up in a short time and grew well, spreading in a mat over the ground. They had given no hint of blooming, and in midsummer we had a great deal of rain. In a short time every plant was dead, having been scalded. I had become tired of the slow growth of the plant in the pot by this time, and had turned it out into the border. So they all shared the same fate. S. J. C.

Orange Co., Ind., Dec. 30, 1897.

[NOTE.—Sweet Peas do better when sown almost as early as the ground can be worked in the spring. They like a sunny place, and bloom more freely in a sandy, porous soil than in a tenacious loam.—Ed.]

**My Treatment of Fuchsias.**—I raise my Fuchsia plants from cuttings. As soon as they have made two or three inches of growth, I cut out the top, which will make two branches. When these have grown a little, cut out their tops, and thus continue till the plants are well branched. Be sure to give Fuchsias light, rich soil, and plenty of water and pot room. It will ruin their beauty, either to let dry out or get pot bound. Particular attention should be paid to drainage. I think that charcoal is better than anything I have ever used for drainage.

Mrs. Mary E. Powell.

Fairfield Co., Ct. Jan., 12, 1897.



GLADIOLUS.

**CARNATIONS FROM SEEDS,**

**A**S regards Carnations from seeds, sow them in March or April. Take a shallow box or tin dish, fill with a mixture of leaf-mould, garden soil and sand, one-third of each, wet thoroughly, and smooth over the top. Sow the seeds carefully and sift over just enough fine soil to cover them. Set the dish in a warm, sunny place and sprinkle with warm water every day, just enough to keep the seeds moist. The young plants will usually show in a week or ten days. When they are a couple of inches high, transplant into a deeper box or pots filled with the same kind of soil, and thence to the open ground early in June. Give them a well drained spot with a light rich soil which has sand enough mixed with it to make it porous, for water standing at the roots will ruin a Carnation every time. But shower them every night with hose or sprinkler to keep down red spider, and keep the soil loose by frequent stirring. If possible they should have a place where the strong afternoon sun does not reach them. In September they should be budded, then take up and pot in the same soil as before spoken of. Keep in the shade for a week, after which set them in a cool, sunny room. Do not water too much, but sprinkle often, and keep from stove heat, and they will probably bloom through the winter.

Mary B. Appley.  
Windham Co., Conn.  
Jan. 14, 1897.

**Rose Clotilde Soupert.**

—My Rose Clotilde Soupert has been bedded out three winters, with a few forest leaves thrown over it in the fall as protection. Although the wood dies off, new shoots are thrown up from the roots each spring, each shoot bearing clusters of buds. As many as thirty buds appear on a shoot, all in a cluster. My plant is in the shade in warmest part of the day, and as it is a nice plant, I water it every night, picking off old blooms and keeping the worms off the foliage, and it rewards me with roses from April until November. The bloom is so fragrant, and each rose so double and perfect; cream white, with pink center.

I should like to hear from some of the floral sisters who have tried other of the Polyantha Roses, for if they all prove as satisfactory as the Clotilde, they should be generally cultivated. Ima.

Geauga Co., O., Dec. 28, 1897.

**Tuberous Begonias.**—This year I intend to experiment with the Tuberous Begonias, and trust they may prove as satisfactory as the Primula. I hope to see numerous articles regarding Tuberous Begonia culture in our Magazine, in the near future.

Montcalm Co., Mich.

**JAPANESE MORNING GLORIES.**

**W**ITH the new Japanese Morning Glories I had a fair measure of success, though but three seeds out of a packet germinated, and those three not for two months after planting. Like those of "H." who writes in December MAGAZINE, the vines were twelve feet high, instead of two, when they began to bloom. Their rampant growth reminded me of the moonflower. The flowers of the three were distinct, one being a solid purple, larger and richer than the common Morning Glory. Another was a purple into

**JAPANESE IMPERIAL MORNING GLORIES.**

whose coloring there had gone a large admixture of red. This one was ragged in form and sometimes almost seemed to be double. The third was blue with tiny black spots thickly dotted over it. It might be well to soak the seeds before planting and in this way gain time.

Orange Co., Ind.

S. J. C.

The new premium of Tuberous Begonias, etc., is one which every flower-lover ought to possess. Both bulbs and seeds are unsurpassed in quality.



## NASTURTIUMS.

## THE BULB AND THE FLOWER.

To Mrs. W. A. Jones.

I HAVE always been a lover of that good old-fashioned flower, the Nasturtium, and have grown the plant ever since I began to have flowers, but never have I had them in such rich, racy profusion as the year just gone, 1896. There came to me through the kindness of a florist, several packets of seeds, mostly climbers, Lobbs, and "Hybrids of Madame Gunter," some were labeled. I planted them from the seed pan into a well prepared bed in the garden, and without thinking, in a center bed. I did not suppose they would run all over, but they did. You must understand I did not put up poles for them, but just allowed them to creep around at their own sweet will. They grew and grew like Mr. Finney's turnip. They did not know when or where to stop, until even I felt there must be a limit put upon them, and I began to pinch them in. I wanted a path wherein to set my feet, and it seemed as though these aspiring Nasturtiums were bound I should not. I felt as though they were encroaching a good deal when they poked their long arms across the side path, into a pretty ribbon border I had made of red *Alternanthera* and white and blue *Ageratum*. So then I said, "Thus far shall you go and no farther," and then and there I penned them up with laths. All of a sudden the whole bed burst into a blaze. I'm a regular Oriental in my love of gorgeous coloring, and I revelled in that bed of brilliancy the whole summer long. Until the vines were completely frozen down, did they continue to furnish bouquets for the house, and friends have come and picked basketfuls. I had three rustic receptacles in my yard, filled with rich soil, and vines of various kinds planted therein, and one or two Nasturtiums, and they trailed down the sides and over the ground, a blossom almost for every leaf. Everybody was taken with them. There was such a diversity of colors, scarcely two alike. I took cuttings in the fall and put them in jars of water (glass jars) and have them in the window, and, though not blooming so profusely, they are very fine and the foliage is smaller and more dainty looking. I keep them in the full blaze of the sun always, and how they do revel and run riot. A professing floral writer, one who has a name, and is much sought after by the leading journals, does not believe in "gushing rhapsodies, about flowers, in which the adjectives used are all in the superlative degree." Well, between you and I, sinsters, isn't it excusable sometimes?

Scott Co., Jan. 6, 1897. M. R. W.

[NOTE.—Nasturtiums do well in a sunny exposure, but the soil should be deep and moist. The dwarf varieties in such a position bloom freely and continuously, and are gorgeous bedding plants.—Ed.]

**Japanese Morning Glories.**—In climbers, the Japanese Morning Glories are certainly a revelation. Such colors I never saw in a flower before. Besides, the foliage is so pretty, and they make such a good shade.

C. M. Shooter.

Lycoming Co., Pa., Sep. 14, 1896,

I gave you a bulb, it was bare and brown,  
And its leaves no promise told  
Of a fairer life that dwelt within,  
Which the sunshine might unfold.  
The days went by and the southern breeze  
Crept into each mountain flower;  
I gave you a bulb, but the summer came  
And you gave me back a flower.

The voice of the flower spoke to me,  
And it whispered "Such is life;  
Full many a heart looks bare and brown  
Encased in the leaves of strife;  
But give it the smile of brother love  
And the kind word's wakening power,  
And God will nourish the plant of good  
And give you back the flower.

Florence Josephine Boyce.

Washington Co., Vt.

## ABOUT HYACINTHS.

I DO not see why Hyacinths are not raised by all lovers of flowers. They never fail, are easily managed, and if planted out in the border, even in this cold climate, will give a few bright blossoms early the next spring, and each succeeding spring dividing and producing larger trusses each year.

When I began to send for bulbs, twenty years ago, in my experimental order was included three Hyacinths at twenty cents each. They were a great success, and I have always ordered some each year since. Sometimes only six, and one season fifty, according to my means, and I try and keep one or more blooming in my sitting room from Christmas until they blossomed in the garden. After blooming in the house, I water as they need until the foliage dies, then I keep dry till I make my beds in the border for annuals. Then I empty the bulbs in a good mellow soil, covering them about four inches deep. I sow some annuals that do not grow too rank, and I am sure of blossoms, for several years.

One year I had a beautiful bed of Poppies growing in a Hyacinth bed, that had been a perfect sheet of bloom in the spring. Desiring to remove the bulbs I found many of them rotted; this was in August. I think it was the dense foliage holding too much moisture in the soil, rotting the bulbs. Since then I have planted annuals of smaller growth among my Hyacinths and seldom lose bulbs. H. L.

Tillman Co., Jan., 7, 1897.

**A Church Bouquet.**—A compact bouquet or arrangement does not show up well in a church. The flowers should be cut with long stems, and be arranged in loose sprays. With proper care, even the common or wild flowers may be advantageously used for church decoration. In autumn, I saw a charming church bouquet composed simply of Golden Rod, wild Daisy, Sunflowers, Wild Asters and a branch of the bright leaves and berries of Dogwood.

Alphonsine.

**ACACIA LOPHANTHA.**

**M**Y plant of *Acacia lophantha* was raised from seed obtained from our Editor and planted in a box outside of the house, about the middle of April last. On frosty nights and cold days it was covered with a sash. When large enough to handle, it was removed from the seed-box and planted in a small pot, being transferred, as growth required,



from that size through the different grades to the present, a gallon crock, with plenty of drainage. It now stands five feet, one inch above the soil, and the frond-like double-pinnate leaves measure one foot in length. The top has never at any time been pinched off to promote branching, for I like it better this way; first, because the leaves, after branching begins, never attain the size they do before; and second, because in my small window, the more narrow the plant and taller, the more show we get from the smaller shelf room. It might have been taken down cellar with the others, (I have several,) but I wanted one of the pretty things to look at in the dreary winter, even if I did have to condense matters in the window;

Mrs. E. Whiting Putnam.  
Harmansburg, Pa., Jan. 9, 1897.

**Plants that Bear Drought.—**

*Yucca filamentosa*, and other species of the genus, have deep roots and do well even in a very dry season; flowers white. *Tritoma uvaria* also does well in a dry season; flowers scarlet. *Ipomœa pandurata*, when well established, has large, deep roots and does not mind a dry spell. Flowers white with pink eye. *Ipomœa leptophylla* is also able to endure a drought well. *Petunias* are among the best drought-resisting bedding plants. *Zinnias* are also recommended. Succulent plants, as the various kinds of *Mesembryanthemum*, *Portulaca*, *Calandrinia* and *Sedum* require but little moisture about the roots. In climates subject to droughts it is well to plant in furrows, and hill up as the plants grow, so that the roots may be deep in the soil.

**The California Pepper Tree.—**

In beautiful contrast with other plants is the fragrant Pepper-tree, *Schinus molle*, its dark green, pinnate leaves as a fitting back-ground for the pale green of the others. The great clusters of very minute white flowers have a delicate fragrance, and, coming in the blustering days of February, as did mine, are a grateful acquisition to the plant stand. The foliage has the aroma of black pepper. E. W. P.  
Harmansburg, Pa., Jan. 9, 1897.

**APPLE BLOSSOM PELARGONIUM.**

**I**HAVE had an Apple Blossom Pelargonium in my possession for nearly four years, and nothing would induce me to part with it if I could not get another. At the time I got it I knew of but one other plant, nor could I find it mentioned in any of the floral catalogues. When given to me in May it was a tiny, frail looking little slip, but it rooted and grew and was indulged and so well nourished that by the following spring it had attained a height of three feet by the same in width, having been literally covered with blossoms from December to July. I have counted hundreds of single blossoms on it at one time. It blooms in clusters, from six to ten flowers in a cluster. It is the most persistent and profuse bloomer of any of the Pelargoniums, and I commend it as an excellent, strong plant for the winter collection. I have never seen an insect of any sort on it. It is a great drinker and feeder. In the winter I see that it does not lack for these essentials. Beyond that it does not get a modicum of care. About the first of June generally I prune the plant severely, and set it away in an obscure, shady corner, giving water very sparingly. About the first of October I scrape the top soil off, replace by fresh, and give liquid manure often during winter.

Mrs. M. H. Durfee.  
Newark, N. Y. Aug. 12, 1896.

**Bird of Paradise.**—The Bird of Paradise, (*Poinciana Gillesii*), has foliage similar to *Acacia lophantha*, but less dense and much more delicate.

Last summer mine bloomed for the first time, at the advanced age of twelve years, though I saw one in bloom at the age of four years. That one was planted out in a very rich old garden, in summer. Mine opened its first blossom on the twenty-second day of June, and from that time on, was not without its beautiful canary yellow blossoms, with their long, red, silken stamens fringing the whorled clusters at the ends of the branches until the autumn frosts spoiled the buds; then it was set in a dark closet for a little rest. Now it is in the sitting-room again in full leaf and bud. Several of the seed-pods matured last year.

Mrs. E. W. P.  
Harmansburg, Pa., Jan. 9, 1897.

**Sweet Peas.**—Plant Sweet Peas early, as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Jack Frost will not injure the young plants. Plant deep. Six or eight inches is none too deep. Give rich soil, plenty of water, keep blossoms picked to prevent seed, and mulch during the hot, dry season. Our Editor's suggestion of using saw-dust for mulching I think a good one. I am going to try it next summer. If one will follow these rules their reward will be bountiful. M. A. G.

Montcalm Co., Mich.

[NOTE.—It is better to sow Sweet Peas in a trench and cover lightly, then hill up as the plants grow. The seeds are liable to rot if planted deep early in the season.—Ed.]



**HELIOTROPES.****LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE.**

I HAVE exceptional success with Heliotropes here. I have one in the garden every summer that a bushel basket would not cover. I always bed them out about the last of May, in a good rich soil, with at least one-third sand mixed in, and good drainage, and, if possible, give them an eastern exposure, shaded somewhat from the fierce rays of the afternoon sun, which burns and stunts them. Keep



HELIOTROPE.

the soil loose and free from weeds, and give plenty of water, both at the roots and overhead. This should always be applied in the evening, and occasionally work in a little phosphate or other good fertilizer around the roots; or, water with weak liquid manure. For the first month they usually appear to stand still, but, if after that, you are not rewarded with luxuriant growth and many blossoms, then your experience will be very different from mine.

In July start some cuttings for winter use. I select some that have just started buds, set them in a shallow dish of leaf-mould, which I keep thoroughly damp, and usually they will soon root. But, if the first ones fail do not be discouraged, but keep trying, and you will succeed. When they begin to grow, set them out in small pots, in a mixture of good garden soil, sand, and either chip-dirt or leaf-mould, one-third of each. Shift to larger pots as they grow, for the Heliotrope should not become root-bound. When brought into the house give them a sunny window, either fronting east or south.

See that the earth in the bottom of the pots does not get clogged, and it is a good plan to put small lumps of charcoal in the bottom of the pot. This will prevent the soil from getting sour. When you water them give enough to thoroughly saturate the soil, and then wait till somewhat dry again. Sprinkle often and give some good fertilizer once a fortnight.

Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Ct., Dec. 27, 1896.

**About Heliotropes.**—Unless the drainage is imperfect, you are not likely to water your Heliotropes too much. If allowed to dry out even once the leaves turn black, dry up and fall off. If the plant is in a healthy, blooming condition, the soil should never want for plenty of water. It also needs rich, light soil, and should not be allowed to become pot-bound. Fuchsias and Heliotropes require much the same treatment, except that Fuchsias need less sun than Heliotropes.

Mrs. Mary E. Powell.

Fairfield Co., Jan. 12, 1897.

To be sure the drainage is not clogged.

To water as often as needed. Some plants require more water than others.

To keep the saucer of a dish containing a blooming Hyacinth or Calla filled with water. The bloom will last longer and be much finer.

To cut off blossoms, not break them.

To cut the blossom stalks off bulbous plants close to the plant when the flowers fade.

To repot early in the fall.

To bring house plants into their winter quarters before cold weather, as the change from cold to heat will cause them to drop their leaves.

To not cut off the unsightly stalks of perennials, if hollow, or the rains will settle in the cavity, and cause the roots to rot.

To sow Sweet Peas early.

To not be in a hurry to sow flower seeds in the spring.

To pinch back all tall-growing plants, even if the buds are there. Shut your eyes and pinch.

To not be selfish with your choicest blooms, but send them to some poor shut-in, or to some flower lover.

To not be stingy when you send a package in exchange. Send an extra.

To not neglect your flowers even for one day. A few well cared for, is better than a lot neglected.

To try something new every year.

To not refuse slips, roots or cuttings by the half bushel basket when people ask for them, and if there is an extra nice plant they want, present it to them or they will say you are stingy.

To not boast of your flowers. Others may have much nicer plants than yours.

Ira.

Geauga Co., O., Dec. 24, 1896.

**Success with Geraniums.**—My Geraniums were slipped in August and planted in corn and tomato cans. They received no special care, only watered every day, and buds kept pinched off. They persisted in budding, and when I took them in the house many were ready to bloom. I have not been without flowers since, and my windows make a fine display when viewed from the outside; the most profuse bloomer being a single scarlet, the florets of which are over an inch in diameter and the trusses immense. I have double scarlet, double dark red, double white, double salmon and many others.

Edith M. Haines.

St. Clair Co., Ill., Jan. 2, 1897.

**The Heliotrope.**—The Heliotrope should be frequently repotted in good soil of loam, leaf-mould and sand. It should be cut back quite often to induce the production of new branches. The blooms are on the new growth. Water freely; never allow the roots to become dry. In winter it should be kept in a warm room and a sunny window if possible. Always use a large pot, as it must not become root-bound.

Aunt Anna.

Lincoln Co., Wash., Jan. 10, 1897.

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**A Box of Roses.**—A box 12x15 inches will accommodate four Rose plants, large enough to bloom well in the window in winter. Get young plants from the florist in the spring, or before mid-summer. Bed them in the box, using loam, sand and manure. A layer of charcoal at the bottom makes good drainage. Stir the soil frequently, water thoroughly when the soil seems dry, and keep all buds picked off as they appear, also, cut back straggling or robust branches. Keep the box where the sun will not strike it during mid-day. Remove to the window as soon as frosts come, then let the buds begin to develop. Get mildew-proof sorts, as *Hermosa*, *Queen's Scarlet* and *Clotilde Soupert*. *La France* and the *Queen* cannot be depended upon by the amateur, being liable to mildew. Place tobacco dust upon the surface soil to keep down insects.

When a flower begins to fade remove it, and when all the buds on a branch develop, cut the branch back to promote the growth of new shoots, upon which the new buds are always produced. To avoid the unsightly appearance of the earth and the sides of the box, set a few plants of *Kentworth Ivy* among the *Roses*. These trailing vines will soon cover the box and hang gracefully over the sides, forming an exquisite mat and graceful drapery of rich green.

**Roses.**—Many *Roses* considered half hardy, are found to be entirely hardy if bedded out in May, so that they will make a good growth and become deeply rooted during the season. Never buy everblooming roses for bedding during the summer or autumn, if you live in a cold climate. You may do so at the South, but at the North you risk losing your plants by severe cold.

**Oleander.**—Under favorable circumstances it is not uncommon at the North for the *Oleander* to produce seeds. Many of these seeds however, are of doubtful vitality, and cannot be depended upon for plants. The time to sow the seeds is shortly after they mature, as the older they are the less vitality they have.

## CYCLAMEN PERSICUM.

**P**LANTS of *Cyclamen Persicum* should never be allowed to dry off. Give them a period of rest after the blooming season, but in doing so water them sufficiently to keep the large, fleshy leaves at the base of the corm in good condition. If these are allowed to dry up, much of the strength of the corm will be required to throw out new ones, thus weakening the vitality of the plant and retarding the development of the buds and flowers.

When *Cyclamen's* bloom during the winter, they should have their resting period during the summer. In Autumn knock the plants out of the pots, remove the surface soil, and repot in pots a size larger, being careful not to injure the roots, and using fresh, rich soil. Keep in a rather cool window, and avoid a dry atmosphere. Good plants under these conditions will produce a fine display of flowers through the winter.

*Cyclamen* plants are easily grown from seeds. These are almost as large as *Balsam* seeds and as sure to germinate, though the young plants often do not appear for a month or more after sowing. The little plants started in early spring, and well cared for, will come into bloom the following winter or spring, and under the treatment recommended above, can be depended upon for winter flowers for many years. As window plants, their easy culture, sure blooming and exquisite beauty are commendable, and should promote their popularity.

**Gladiolus Byzanthinus.**—This is an early-flowering species of *Gladiolus*, very tall, and bearing an abundance of handsomely formed, showy flowers. The color is purplish-red with a medium line of white on the lower petals. It is a rare plant, and said to be hardy in England. The bulbs will keep in a cool place till spring, and in cold climates it would be better to defer planting till spring.

**Aphides on Rose Geraniums.**—When "white bugs" or aphides trouble your *Rose Geraniums*, smoke with tobacco, syringe with tobacco tea, or dust with insect powder. Then place a layer of chopped tobacco stems upon the soil about the plant.

**Turning Geraniums.**—Turning *Geraniums* in the window promotes the symmetrical growth of the plants, but often causes the buds to blast, and interferes with the rich display seen from without.





## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Malva crispa.—Mr. Park: Enclosed find seeds of a plant raised from the mixed seeds that came in the collection ordered of you last January. Will you please give the name. The blossom amounts



to nothing. It is like the Mallow-weed flower, but the foliage is beautiful. I have used it all summer for a border for my Sweet Pea bouquets. The stalk is now eight feet high, and still unhurt by the several severe freezes we have had. We thought for some time it was a double Hollyhock.

S. J. R.  
Penn Yan, N. Y.

Ans.—The plant is Malva crispa, a specimen of which is fairly represented in the engraving. It is a pretty, green-

foliated plant, and planted in a group is beautiful after frost has killed most of our annuals. The crisp, ruffled leaves as a border for Sweet Peas is a new idea, but one worth considering.

Rubber Plant.—Mr. Park: Please give care of Rubber Plants. I lost one this fall, and another one I have is beginning to go the same way. The leaves drop off one after another. I wash the leaves regularly, and give sufficient water. Some of the leaves are becoming covered with little black spots.—S. G. Carroll, St. Louis, Mo.

Ans.—The Rubber Plant likes a rich, porous, well-drained loam, and should not become pot-bound. To avoid crowding of the roots repeat every spring, using a pot two sizes larger than the one from which the plant is taken! Lack of drainage, insufficient water, or too dry an atmosphere will cause the trouble complained of. Water sparingly in winter, while the plant is in a semi-dormant condition.

## MAGAZINE APPRECIATED.

Mr. Park:—Your Floral Magazine is the best floral paper published. It is worth many times its cost to me during the year. I don't see how you can afford to give such premiums with it.

Wm. C. Mollett.

Martin Co., Ky., Jan. 1, 1897.

Mr. Park:—Your Floral Magazine is always a source of pleasure to me, because it talks to me about my flowers which I love so much. I shall always be a subscriber.

Mrs. W. B. Ware.

Silverton, Texas, Dec 23, 1896.

Mr. Park:—I think a great deal of the Floral Magazine, and would not be without it for twice the subscription price.

Mrs. L. S.

Decatur Co., Kan., Jan. 10, 1897.

Mr. Park:—I have been a subscriber and constant reader of your Floral Magazine for many years, and have derived more pleasure and instruction from it than from three other Floral Magazines of more pretensions combined.

So, Enid, Okla., Jan. 11, 1897. R. L. Schrock.

## QUESTIONS.

Cactus.—I have a Pin Cushion Cactus which does not grow. Will someone please give treatment?—Artie Kisser.

Palms.—What will prevent Palms from turning brown at the points of the leaves?—Mrs. B., Del.

Jasmine grandiflora.—Why do we have no reports from the sisters upon this plant? Do they not grow it? I admire it, and would give much time and attention to growing it to perfection if I only knew the proper method of treatment.—Mrs. M. F., Ct.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Park:—Last spring you sent me a Bermuda  
Lily. It was potted and blossomed, and this fall  
a top-dressing given it, and it was brought in-  
doors with the other plants. Now it has four  
stalks growing which I think will flower towards  
spring. Mrs. E. P. Hill.

New Milford, Ct., Jan. 12, 1897.

Mr. Park:—The package of Premium Bulbs at  
hand, and to say that I am delighted would but  
inadequately express my feelings. The offer is  
unprecedented. I have received other premiums  
—i. e., from other firms, but none compare with  
yours. Later in the season I shall surely patron-  
ize you again. Mrs. L. V. W.

Hudson, Mich., Jan. 11, 1897.

Mr. Park:—I have had your Magazine and seed  
premium now for two years, and am astonished  
how you can give so much for so little money.  
The Zinnias, Pinks and Asters were among the  
finest I have seen. I wish some of your readers  
would give their experience with Cupid Sweet  
Pea. With me it was an entire failure. I got  
four plants from a package of seeds planted (to  
make a border for a bed of Cannas) in good, rich  
soil and given the best of attention. They grew  
very slowly, and only rewarded me with one poor  
puny flower. I think either this climate does not  
suit them or they are a miserable fraud. Golden  
Crown Aster is little better. It shows some yellow  
color at first, but when fully open is no better  
than a dirty white. In contrast with these are  
Vick's White Branching and Semple's Late  
Branching (Peach Blossom), which are without  
a doubt the finest Asters I have seen, and, with  
Mignon and Comet, should have a place in every  
garden. I try a good many novelties, and have  
quite a few disappointments, but the successes  
more than recompense for the failures.

C. M. Shooter.

Lycoming Co., Pa., Sep. 14, 1896.

Dahlias from Seeds.—The premium Dahlia  
seeds I planted February 15th, and grew twelve  
plants, which I transplanted to the garden May  
1st. The first flowers opened July 9th. I think  
that is hard to beat. Most of them were single,  
though all were lovely. Two were double; one a  
rich velvety magenta color on short stout stems.  
The other was a lovely flower, hard to describe,  
and bore, on long stems, the finest Dahlias I ever  
saw. The color I cannot describe, for it was  
changeable. On sunny days the flowers were a  
delicate buff shaded with a delicate red. On  
sunny days the ones that opened were more red  
than yellow, delicate as a Rose in texture. The  
petals were turned up on each side, from the out-  
side row to the very center, which gave it a glob-  
ular form. The flower is an improvement on the  
D. Nymphaea in both form and color, to my  
thinking. Have you any knowledge of such a  
Dahlia? Mrs. J. L. Shook.

Allen Co., O., Jan., 12, 1897.

[NOTE.—Many new Dahlias have lately been raised  
from seeds, but that described may be different from  
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Dear Mr. Park: The Vegetable seeds we got from you last spring were all a success. The melons were the finest flavored we ever tasted. Preston, Ont., Dec. 31, 1896. M. J. N.

Dear Mr. Park:—I want to report on the package of splendid bulbs sent me in the fall. The Easter Lilies are magnificent plants eighteen in. high, with stems an inch in diameter. I have three, and if they keep on the blossoms will be superb. The Bermuda Buttercup, Oxalis has filled the hanging pot with luxuriant growth, and has numerous clusters of buds, some almost open. The Roman Hyacinths are in bloom, and so purely white and fragrant. I like them even better than the other Hyacinths, as the clusters are more numerous and graceful. But the Fritillarias just rotted, never showed a sign of growth. Only four out of the ten Freesias came up, and they are sickly; the rest rotted.

Now, all the bulbs seemed good sound ones, and all were potted at once and in the same way, saving different depths of soil. I put about an inch of fresh charcoal, then moss, then rich soil, and clean sand under and around the bulbs. Now, I want you to tell me wherein I have made a mistake. I always have the show window of flowers, and I did brag on the lovely Freesias I was "going to have."

My Calla has the third big blossom on for this winter. I've had Golden Bells in bloom, have several Narcissus Golden Trumpet just opening, Crocuses budded, and a Christmas Cactus full of the lovely triple pink blossoms. Mine blooms nearly all winter. My Hydrangea has been in bloom for four months. How shall I treat my Night-blooming Cereus to bloom? It grows well, but bears no flowers. Jeanie Jacobs.

Kootenai Co., Idaho, Jan. 9, 1897.

[NOTE.—Freesia refracta alba, as its name indicates, is a refractory plant. Sometimes it fails to do well, apparently without a cause. As a rule most of the failures come from keeping the bulbs out of the ground too long, and keeping them in a place too warm and dry for healthy development. The same may be said of the Fritillarias. Keeping bulbs too freely watered before roots start and growth begins will cause them to rot. This is a general principle in the treatment of all bulbs.—Ed.]

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Mrs. H. H.

Penobscot Par., La., Dec. 15, 1896.

[NOTE.—The Editor knows only too well how many men deny their faithful life-partners the pleasure to be derived from the purchase of a few bulbs or seeds or even the limited amount of time required to cultivate a few plants. Home life is thus sadly reduced to drudgery and a heartless existence. It is a short-sighted policy to pursue, for truly "it is more blessed to give than to receive," and in ministering to the pleasures of others we secure for ourselves the greater share of enjoyment.]

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## METHOD.

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Anna Lyman.

Detroit, Mich, Jan. 15, 1897.

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K.  
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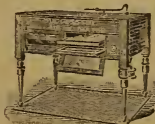
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**Temperature.**—When the temperature is too high in your plant room, the growth will be rapid and spindling, the buds will blast and the leaves turn brown and drop off. This is not all due to the heat of the atmosphere, but to dryness which results from heat. Keep the temperature in your plant window or conservatory from 60 to 70 degrees in day-time and 45 to 60 degrees at night, and keep the atmosphere moist by placing open vessels of water upon the stove, or over the register, where it will evaporate. Where the room is heated by steam pipes the air is usually moist enough, but when heated from a furnace evaporation is necessary.

**Umbrella Plant.**—The Umbrella Plant, *Cyperus alternifolius* is a sedge grass, and likes a wet soil. It does well if the pot is set in a saucer of water, and many persons grow it successfully in aquariums. After the plants bloom and become unsightly cut the tops off, water sparingly for a month or two, and give them a season of rest. Then shift into a larger pot, begin watering, and in a short time you will have a handsome plant. The beauty of *Cyperus alternifolius* is not sufficiently known to popularize the plant as it deserves. A large, well-grown specimen is equal to a Palm in general appearance, while it is more easily cared for.

**Cactuses in Winter.**—Avoid watering these freely in winter, but keep the soil from drying out. The plants will not endure a wet soil in winter, nor will they bear a damp, cold atmosphere, such as we find in many cellars. Keep them in a heated room and water sparingly, and they will come through the winter all right.

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**Sacred Lily after Blooming.**—Chinese Sacred Lilies grown in water, are worthless for blooming the next year. They will grow and make fine foliage, but will not produce flowers. Some recommend potting the bulb in earth as soon as the flowers fade, and claim that in this way the bulbs are matured so that some flowers will be borne the next year. Treated even in this way, however, they should not be depended upon for bloom the next season. When grown entirely in pots of earth the bulbs often have sufficient vitality left, to bloom satisfactorily the next season. When pot-grown,

watering should be continued after the flowers fade, until the foliage turns yellow, then dry off and set away without removing from the pots. In autumn take out and repot.

**Date Palm.**—The Date Palm is easily grown from seeds which come in the date fruit sold by confectioners. The seeds should be planted out-doors in May or June, and the plants will appear as little sword-shaped leaves before frosts come in the autumn. Pot them in small pots and keep in your plant window or conservatory till spring, then repot in large pots. Do not let the soil dry out at any time, but when the plants are growing water freely. This palm is no harder to care for than other species, and the seeds being so easily and cheaply obtained, it seems strange that it is not more popular as a window plant.

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## BRIEF ANSWERS.

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**Spotted Calla Summer-blooming.**—As a rule the Spotted Calla is always satisfactory for summer-blooming, while it is mostly a failure for winter-blooming. Dry the tubers off in autumn and keep dry, as you would Gladiolus bulbs. This Calla does well bedded out in a moist, shady place during summer.

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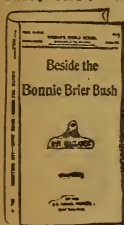


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### BRIEF ANSWERS.

**Carnations.**—Grown in pots in the window or conservatory, Carnation plants require good drainage, and must not be too freely watered. If the soil is kept constantly wet, the plants will be attacked by rust, the roots will decay and death will result.

**Lilacs not Blooming.**—In soils that are strongly alkaline, as in some parts of the far west, the old-fashioned Lilac sometimes fails to bloom. In such cases stir a liberal quantity of bone-dust into the surface soil. Should this not be successful change the location of the plant.

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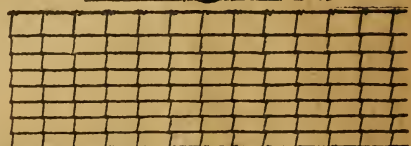
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Hillsboro Co., N. H., Jan. 15, 1897.

[NOTE.—When Crocuses are potted early in the season and kept rather cool they bloom well in the house. As a rule, however, they fall in the window, because the atmosphere is too warm and dry. After New Years Crocuses kept out of the soil begin to lose their vitality, and in a little while become almost worthless.—Ed.]

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My flowers have done very well this winter with a few exceptions, but I have learned that to make a success of flower cultivation, as with everything else, requires considerable care and a study of the different conditions essential to each plant. I am not always successful yet, but I try to keep plants that will grow in a living room by a wood fire, and bear considerable dust, for five little folks will raise a dust, even on a bare floor.

I have four varieties of Coleus, among them being "Mrs. Saunders," which keeps its delicate colorings all winter, but is harder to get rooted, I find, than any other I have ever tried. How my Sansevieria does grow, and it is so easy to take care of. Since late fall it has thrown up a shoot twenty inches high, and another shoot is peeping through the ground. I water sparingly, and keep on a table not far from the stove. My bulbs are peeping through the ground, and the tiny leaflets of Oxalis are beginning to unfold. Three kinds of Tradescantia are trailing from shelves and hanging basket, and the Calla Lily is doing well with liberal doses of hot water, for it must never be dry. No insect ever bothers it treated thus. There is Begonia Festsii, too, and Geraniums, and several others. But the care I bestow on them is in my resting moments when I am too tired to do anything else. Last summer I had an Abutilon Brilliant that grew nicely all summer, but when brought in the house its leaves gradually grew yellow and dropped off, and the plant died. Will some one tell me the cause? I set it by a west window away from fire. Another Abutilon that was kept in the house all summer has dropped but one leaf, and now is full of buds.

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Dec., 23rd was a very cold night, and the next morning the Lily was frozen so hard that I tipped the can upside down, and could see no sign of water. It seemed to be solid ice. I put it back in the window to stand its chance, if it had any, which I doubted at the time. The freeze did not seem to hurt it. It certainly did not put it back any time at all as to the time of blossoming, as the first blossom opened on the 7th of January, just nineteen days after it was received. To-day the blossoms are withering. The flowers were double, but only two stalks blossomed, though another blossom stalk grew about two inches and blasted.

I thought I had had good luck with Chinese Lilies before, but was very much surprised at this one blossoming so soon. Can you tell me why the one stalk blasted while the others did so well? Does the Chinese Lily often blossom in so short a time?

If any one else has had better success, I wish they would report it.

Ellen F. Parks.

Tuscola Co., Mich., Jan. 18, 1897.

[NOTE.—It is possible the buds that blasted were injured by the frost referred to. It is not uncommon for the Sacred Lily to bloom in a short time after planting. The length of time depends largely upon the heat and light given the bulb. When rapidly forced, however, the buds are more liable to blast than under cooler treatment.—Ed.]

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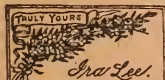
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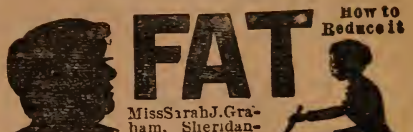
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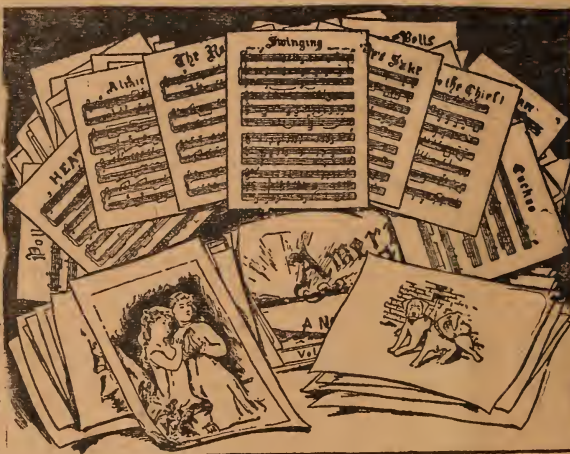
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